

### REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-9, and 14-26 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 1, 9, 14, 17, and 22-26 have been amended for clarification. Applicant requests the Examiner to enter the claim amendments prior to the due date of the issue fee, which is April 29, 2008.

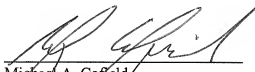
Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170, extension 211, if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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